


Office of the State Controller

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TO: Controllers and Chief Fiscal Officers of State Departments
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SUBJECT: New Mileage Reimbursement Rate effective Jan 1, 2009
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New Mileage Reimbursement Rates Effective January 1, 2009

The Internal Revenue Service has issued new mileage reimbursement rates effective January 1, 2009. The new IRS rate is fifty five cents (55) per mile. As provided in CRS 24-9-104, the State of Colorado mileage reimbursement rates will also be adjusted for the same time period. State officers and employees shall be allowed mileage reimbursement of 90% of the prevailing IRS rate per mile for each mile actually and necessarily traveled while on official state business. When authorized to be utilized and necessary for official state business, State officers and employees shall be allowed 95% of the prevailing IRS rate per mile for four-wheel-drive vehicles (necessary because of road, terrain, or adverse weather conditions).

Keep in mind that state travel that began before the effective date of the change and ends after the effective date of the change will need the mileage broken out between the two different rates.

The mileage reimbursement rates are as follows:

State of Colorado		
Cents per Mile	7/1/08 to <u>12/31/08</u>	<u>01/01/09</u>
Standard Allowance	.53	.50
4-wheel Drive	.56	.53

See IRS website for official announcement at:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=184163,00.html>

Any questions should be addressed to your FAST representative.

Sole Source Contracts and Campaign Contributions – Amendment 54

In November 2008, citizens of Colorado approved Amendment 54 amending Article XXVIII of the Colorado Constitution. The Office of the State Controller will post Technical Guidance including a Contract Summary Form on its website regarding this Amendment. Please see section IX “Sole Source Contracts and Campaign Contributions,” at <http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/dfp/sco/contracts.htm>. The amendment is effective for all contracts entered into on and after December 31, 2008. Any questions should be directed to Bob Jaros.

E-Verify Update for Federal Contractors

The OSC recently received a communication from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The correspondence stated that all federal contractors and subcontractors will be required to begin using the USCIS E-Verify system beginning Jan. 15, 2009, to verify their employees' eligibility to legally work in the United States. The OSC confirmed with the USCIS that this requirement DOES NOT apply to federal grant awards or cooperative agreements. Currently, it applies only to federal procurement contracts/solicitations for goods and services.

Open/Close Training – Save the Date

Mark your calendars – the annual Open/Close general training session has been scheduled for Tuesday April 14th at the Ft. Logan Auditorium. Additional details will be distributed as they become available.